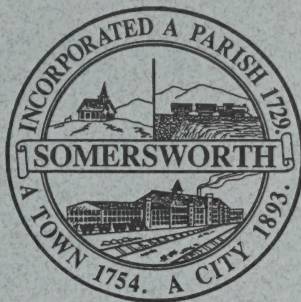


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CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR

James M. McLin
Term Exp. Jan. 2006

ACTING CITY MANAGER

Dean Crombie

CITY MANAGER

Robert Belmore

CITY COUNCIL

Terms Exp. Jan. 2008

Ward 1

William Guilmette

Ward 2

Roger Gagne

Ward 3

Mike Micucci

Ward 4

Todd Marsh

Ward 5

Denis Messier

At Large

Terms Exp. Jan. 2006

Brian Tapscott

Sherie Dinger

Roger Berube

Arvid Wiggan

ASSESSOR

Janis Carruth

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Carroll Seigars

John Bennett, replaced

CITY CLERK

Nancy A. Liebson

FIRE CHIEF

Paul Vallee

Donald Messier, replaced

POLICE CHIEF

Dean Crombie

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Gwen Erley

INTERIM WELFARE DIRECTORS

Maureen Call

Carolyn Cocklin, replaced

CITY ENGINEER

David Foster

CITY ATTORNEY

Coolidge Prof. Association

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

John Jackman

LIBRARIAN

Debora Longo

TAX COLLECTOR

Margaret Wagner

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
AND ADMINISTRATION**

Heather Briggs

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES**

Robert Belmore

Craig Wheeler, replaced

CITY PLANNER

James Steffen

David Sharples, replaced

SCHOOL BOARD

Terms Exp. Jan. 2008

Ward 1

Nancie Cameron

Ward 2

David Littlefield

Ward 3

Brenda Heon

Ward 4

Robert Gibson

Ward 5

Nancy Jo Michaud

At Large

Terms Exp. Jan. 2006

Mark Richardson

James Cowan

Michael Watman

Christine White Marcoux

ELECTION OFFICIALS

Terms Exp. Jan. 2006

WARD 1**Moderator**

George Poulin

Ward Clerk

Henriette Guilmette

Selectmen

Marjorie Goldberg

Virginia Gorman

Elroy Hume

Supervisor of Checklist

Nancie Cameron

Term Exp. Sept. 2005

WARD 2**Moderator**

Arnold Kretschmar

Ward Clerk

Connie Kretschmar

Selectmen

Richard LaBonte

Donald Carr

David Roberge

Supervisor of Checklist

Janet Gagne

Term Exp. Sept. 2002

WARD 3**Moderator**

John Meserve

Ward Clerk

Donald Gelinas

Selectmen

Martin Dumont

Jeanne Ambrose

Dorothy Gauvin

Supervisor of Checklist

Antoinette Harvey

Term Exp. May 2005

WARD 4**Moderator**

Lorette Witham

Ward Clerk

Lucille Frechette

Selectmen

Lillian Roberge

Pauline LaBonte

Albert "Jack" LaBonte

Supervisor of Checklist

Vivian Carignan

Term Exp. Sept. 2006

WARD 5**Moderator**

Joanne Demers

Ward Clerk

Mary Brown

Selectmen

Marie Messier

Kathy Leclerc

Marie Ange Messier

Supervisor of Checklist

Raymond LaPointe

Term Exp. Sept. 2008

2005 ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 3-05 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinances. 3/21/05.
2. Ordinance No. 4-05 Amending Chapter 22, Subdivision Regulations. 3/21/05.
3. Ordinance No. 5-05 Amending Chapter 22A Site Plan Regulations. 3/21/05.
4. Ordinance No. 6-05 Revise Chapter 13, Police Offenses by Adding New Section 7, School Truancy. 6/20/05.
5. Ordinance No. 7-05 Amending Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations. 6/20/05.
6. Ordinance No. 8-05 Supplemental Appropriation. 6/27/05.
7. Ordinance No. 9-05 Transfer Between Cost Centers. 6/27/05.
8. Ordinance No. 10-05 FY 2005-2006 Budget. 6/27/05.
9. Ordinance No. 11-05 Amending Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 5, Public Property, by Adding New Section 5.5 Operation of Skateboards and Scooters. 8/15/05
10. Ordinance No. 1-06 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning, Section 19.25.JJ and Tables 5.A.2 Dimensional and Density Regulations. 9/6/05.
11. Ordinance No. 2-06 Supplemental Appropriation for School Department. 9/6/05.
12. Ordinance No. 3-06 Supplemental FY 06 Appropriation for School Department. 9/6/05.
13. Ordinance No. 4-06 Amending Chapter 13, Police Offenses. 11/21/05.

2005 RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 12-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Lease a 2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab. 1/3/05.
2. Resolution No. 14-05 Supporting the New England Patriots Super Bowl Effort. 1/31/05.
3. Resolution No. 16-05 Authorizing Notification to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation of City Council Support of the Moose Mountains Conservation Project. 2/22/05.
4. Resolution No. 15-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Settlement Pilot Agreement With Frisbie Memorial Hospital, the Frisbie Foundation, Frisbie Health Services, d/b/a Family Care of Somersworth. 3/7/05.
5. Resolution No. 18-05 Honoring the 744th Transportation Company of the National Guard. 3/7/05.
6. Resolution No. 19-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant to Provide Training and Technical Assistance for the Somersworth Historic District Commission. 3/21/05
7. Resolution No. 20-05 Public Hearing and Vote for Petition Pursuant to RSA231:163 for Changes in Pole Licenses. 3/21/05
8. Resolution No. 17-05 Accepting Programming Policy for City of Somersworth, NH TV Channel 22. 3/21/05
9. Resolution No. 21-05 Authorizing the Fire Chief to Enter Into a Mutual Aid Agreement. 4/18/05.
10. Resolution No. 22-05 Authorizing the Director of Public Works & Utilities to Negotiate and Accept Grant Funds for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. 5/2/05.
11. Resolution No. 23-05 Authorizing the Director of Finance and Administration to Set Up Fund 28 as a Recreation Program Fund. 6/6/05.
12. Resolution No. 24-05 Community Development Block Grant. 6/20/05.
13. Resolution No. 25-05 Authority to File Application for Loan. 6/20/05.
14. Resolution No. 26-05 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Phase I of the Street Reconstruction. 6/20/05.
15. Resolution No. 1-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for Interim Planning Assistance for the City of Somersworth Development Services Department. 7/18/05.

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16. Resolution No. 3-06 Naming Certain Streets. 8/15/05.
 17. Resolution No. 6-06 Naming Coolidge Corner in Recognition of Clyde R. Coolidge's Dedication to the City of Somersworth. 8/15/05.
 18. Resolution No. 4-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the State Revolving Loan for the Upgrade of the Water Treatment Facility. 9/6/05.
 19. Resolution No. 7-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Complete Capital Improvements to the Romeo J. Messier Building at a Total Cost that is Not to Exceed \$29,000. 9/6/05.
 20. Resolution No. 5-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Engineering Contract for Construction Services for the Second Phase of the Upgrade of the Water Treatment Facility. 9/19/05.
 21. Resolution No. 9-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Complete the Capital Improvement Project at the Noble Pines Recreation Facility of the Construction of a New Office and Storage Building at a Total Project Cost that is not to Exceed \$80,000. 9/19/05.
 22. Resolution No. 8-06 Naming Certain Streets. 10/3/05.
 23. Resolution No. 10-06 Authorizing the Planning Board to Prepare and Amend a Recommended Program of Municipal Capital Improvement Projects Over a Period of at Least 6 Years. 10/3/05.
 24. Resolution No. 11-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Five-Year Contract (2006-2010 With Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. for Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services. 11/21/05.
 25. Resolution No. 12-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease/Purchase Agreement for Two (2) 2006 4x4 One-Ton Dump Trucks with Plow Package. 11 /21 /05.
 26. Resolution No. 24-05 Community Development Block Grant (Amendment). 11 /21 /05.
 27. Resolution No. 13-06 Adoption of the City of Somersworth, NH Emergency Operations Plan. 11 /21 /05.
 28. Resolution No. 14-06 Adoption of the National Incident Management System. 11/21/05.
 29. Resolution No. 15-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Receive Bids for the Resurfacing of Certain Streets. 12/12/05.
 30. Resolution No. 17-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) for Wastewater Improvements to Allow for the City to Receive Additional EPA Federal Funds (STAG). 12/12/05.

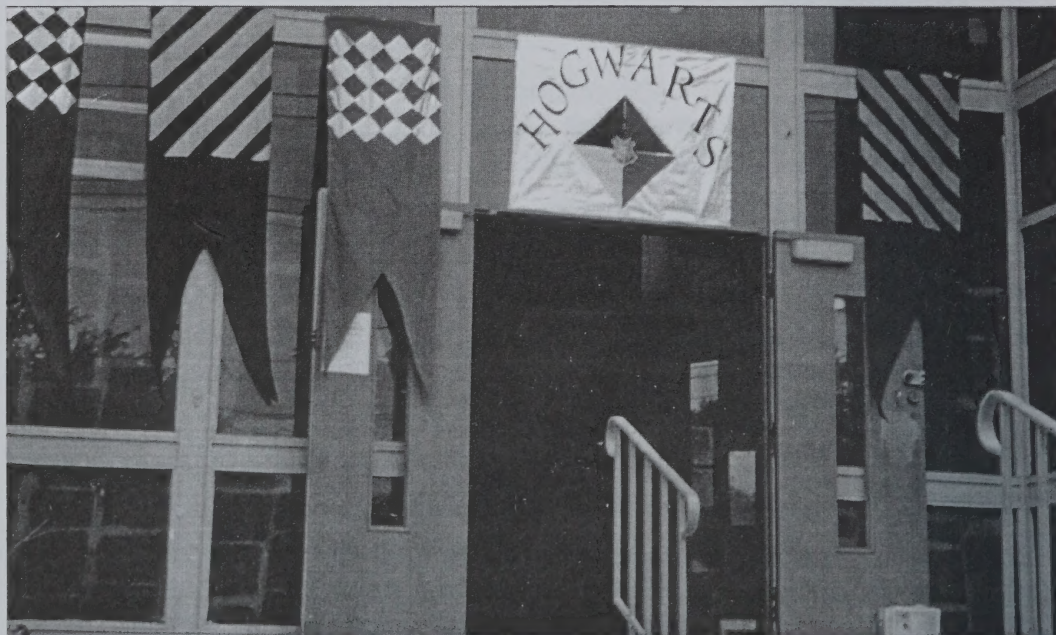
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Through the efforts of the Board of Trustees, the staff and a dedicated group of citizens in 2005, the Somersworth Public Library now has the support of the Friends of the Somersworth Public Library. Though not yet formally organized with officers and bylaws, this group has worked hard to get the first fundraiser off the ground. The group is close to receiving the first tote bags. They come with a zipper, a drawing of the library on the front, and Hilltopper blue for the accent color.

The generosity of two members will provide these first bags. The group actively seeks new members to help. Their next effort will be to institute a semi-annual book sale to increase profits to benefit the library and increase the services available. If you wish to join this dedicated group and want to help out, just contact the library director, Debora Longo, to be added to the mailing list and for further information.

Besides the Friends of the Somersworth Public Library, a crew of dedicated weekly volunteers does valuable work to keep the library running smoothly. Three weekly volunteers help out with materials preparation, collection maintenance, and odd repair jobs around the building. Seven individuals have adopted a shelf (or section) of the library to keep in order for us. And we have assistance occasionally from people who must do



The calm before over 350 "Hogwart's" wizards in training visit the Somersworth Public Library transformed into the School of Magic for Harry Potter Day.

community service for school, or that is court ordered, who help us keep the shelves clean, do extra yard work around the building and easy clerical work in the library office.

This year, through the Interlibrary Loan program, patrons were able to borrow 2,178 books, audiobooks and movies from other libraries. With access to all the university, college, public, special, and high schools in the whole state and most of the country, we will meet your needs to the best of our ability. If all this material had been purchased to meet the needs of the community, it would have cost taxpayers approximately \$54,340 based on a conservative average of \$24.95 per item.

The library receives many gifts from the community. The Wal-Mart Foundation and local businesses and organizations such as Borderline Fuels, the Woman's Club of Somersworth and the Somersworth Rotary Club provide direct monetary assistance for programs and books. Also, individuals donate money without any recommendations or to use for specific titles. And, donations of new and old books, videos, DVDs, and audiobooks come into the library almost daily. All donations, large and small, are appreciated. Last year, 525 books and other items of the several thousand that were donated to the library were added to the collection. If purchased, these items would have conservatively cost the taxpayer \$13,099.



"Professor" Wheeler with her owl and magic pig assist on Harry Potter Day!

This year the library has provided the community with 276 story times given during morning, afternoon and evening hours. There have been 21 book discussions for adults and children, including a special Sunday book discussion on the 5th anniversary of September 11th. Library staff participated in the Winterfest, the Somersworth International Children's Festival, Harry Potter Day and the Pumpkinfest. We hosted income tax assistance for two and half months, a property tax rebate assistance workshop, several money and investment programs, and began hosting assistance for seniors to sign up for the new Medicare Prescription plan through cooperation with ServiceLink. We provided space for tutoring adults and children, and we proctored exams for those continuing their education through long distance educational programs. This was all done without having a meeting room and a very small story hour room for the children.

Harry Potter Day, the brainchild of Carol Downes of Candy Dreams and Durinda Bengato of Sailing the Sea of Knowledge, proved a great success for the library. We transformed into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for four hours on July 16, 2005. Over 350 students came to take classes in herbology (they planted dill seeds) and potions (they made peppermint hot cocoa). House banners, owls, lanterns and librarian professors all set an atmosphere of fun and wonder for all the Harry Potter fans. And those lucky few who had their names first on the waiting list received a copy of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince to read or listen to that day. We were privileged to join seven downtown businesses in this great effort to provide fun for kids and bring people to Main, Market and High Streets!

The surprise year-end statistic is computer use. The computers have been used 7,238 times last year, a 35% increase over last year. It seemed that as the price of computers dropped, and the reports of what a common household item computers have become that fewer people would need to use the library's public computers. The statistics do not bear this out; and this figure does not reflect that we have had problems keeping the older machines working and often have only three computers available at one time. This reaffirms our role in the community of providing technology access to our citizens.

As of June 30, 2005, the following statistics were reported for the library:

Total Book Collection	53,428
Children's Book Collection	18,324
Audio Material Collection	1,895
Video Material Collection	2,198
Magazine & Newspaper Subscriptions	88
Number of Items Borrowed by Customers (includes museums and ILL)	54,936
Number of Library Cards Issued in 2004-2005. . . .	608
Number of People Who Visited the Library	36,712
Children's Program Attendance (227 programs) .	1,883
Reference Questions Answered	7,540
Hours Open Weekly	59.5

MISSION

The Somersworth Public Library will provide the citizens of the City of Somersworth access to the materials and services necessary for their informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs. The library will actively encourage every citizen to read and appreciate learning. It will also preserve the materials needed to provide future generations with a record of the history and heritage of the City.

-Adopted 6/3/2003

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Linda Wheeler, Desk Assistant
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RECREATION



The Somersworth Recreation Department offers a diversity of programs, activities, trips and events for all ages to meet the ever-changing needs of its community. The Recreation Department supports the wholesome and healthful use of recreational, leisure and cultural activities that encourage health, fitness, relaxation and enjoyment.

Highlights in Spring included: Hop Along the Bunny Trail "The Big Egg Hunt" held at Millennium Park. Hundreds of children accompanied by their parents enjoyed hunting and gathering colorful Easter Eggs and playing with the Easter Bunny. The Annual Hershey Track & Field Games a National program that introduces kids to Physical Fitness and Healthy Lifestyles through basic track and field events had a team of 20 girls and boys practicing weekly and participating in the Regional meet held in Hampton NH and then a State meet at UNH. Other children's program for the spring included: Kiddie Kickers Soccer for children ages 3-5, Kids On The Move an after school program for children in grades 1-5. Adult Activities included Bingo. 55 Alive Driving Course, Senior Exercise and Drop in Basketball. Adults and families enjoyed many of the Spring trips offered such as Amesbury Dinner Playhouse, Foxwoods, Christmas Tree Shop and the Shamrock Festival at Indian Head Resort.

The warm weather introduced many exciting summer activities and trips and events for all to enjoy. Kidz Daycamp for children grades 1-5 was held at the Noble Pines Playground, Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:00 p.m. with before and after camp care available. The children took in 8 weeks of field trips, entertainment, theme weeks, art's & crafts, story times, sports, special events and if that's not enough, "Hearts N' Parks" a national nutrition, fitness and wellness program. The campers celebrate daily with activities that empower and develop strong minds and healthy bodies. Funshine camp was held 3 days a week for children ages 3-5 and included field trips, arts & crafts, water play and a Hearts N' Parks pee wee walking program. TRENDS. Teens Reaching Exciting New Dimensions, speaks for itself; an 8 week teen program was held at Millennium Park, Monday through Friday 9:00-4:00 p.m. The teens enjoyed a variety of community service and educational projects including environment water testing with the Somersworth Water Department, adventure based field trips and special events. The highlight of the summer for the teens was planning and creating a special event for the Annual Seacoast Big Brother/ Big Sister program. A wonderful barbeque and themed Hawaiian Party entertained all. The Hearts N' Parks program continues to be a bonus in our summer camp programs; a national

community based program through the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Recreation & Parks Association to bring heart healthy behavior, nutrition and fitness to youth of all ages. Somersworth celebrated "Pride Day" in August at St. Laurent Park. The community joined together in Celebration, which included a day filled with food, entertainment, the famous "Snowball

Drop", an old fashion penny candy store and a spectacular Musical Fireworks display. Summer activities kept adults entertained and busy with Bingo, Senior Exercise, and 55 Alive Driving Course Adult and Family Trips included Red Sox. Foxwoods, Amesbury Playhouse, and Andre Rieu Concert, The summer ended with our annual Senior Picnic held at Millennium Park. Seniors gathered and enjoyed great company, food, and music and finished the picnic with dessert, a raffle and blowing bubbles.

Fall and Winter with Recreation offered a variety of recreational and leisure programs and activities for all ages. The Fall Youth Soccer Program for children 5-12 yrs. old was held every Saturday for 8 weeks. Over 270 players making up 26 teams gathered for scheduled games along with over 60 volunteer parents and coaches assisting the head coach. Parents, grandparents, friends and family gathered each Saturday to enjoy the friendly competition The Kiddie Kickers Saturday soccer program for children ages 3-4 years had over 50 little ones participate in drills and stations of creative soccer fundamentals and fun. Many parent volunteers assisted our head coach at this level as well. Saturday Morning Basketball ran 8 weeks for children in grades 1-6 and consisted of skills and drills to teach basketball fundamentals; then it was games, games and more games. Our head coaches had both the girls and boy's high school team players volunteer their time making for a fun and successful program. Somersworth Recreation 5 & 6 grade Travel Teams competed throughout the seacoast and finished the season by hosting the Annual Somersworth/Rollinsford Frosty Classic Basketball Tournament. The Tournament hosted 16 girls and boys teams from NH and Maine. Other Children's Activities for Fall and Winter included: Kids On The Move. Adult activities included: Bingo. 55 Alive. Senior Exercise. and Men' Drop In Basketball. Adult and Family trips included Christmas at the Indian Head Resort, Christmas Tree Shop, Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. Our Special Event of the season was the 5 Annual Pumpkin Festival held in the Somersworth Plaza in October. Games, entertainment, spook walks, hayrides and food galore were among hundreds of glowing jack-o-lanterns and thousands of residents, friends, and families enjoying an October evening of fun.

The Benefits of recreation are endless. We encourage all individuals and families in our community to participate in the many recreational opportunities offered through activities, programs, special events and trips. If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions or comments please share them with us. "Happiness Happens Here".

HUMAN SERVICES



The Somersworth Human Services Department was busy in 2005 serving well over 1,000 of Somersworth's most vulnerable residents in what turned out to be a very difficult economic time. Residents continue to seek emergency assistance to prevent homelessness as a result of eviction or foreclosure, as well as for food, utility shut-off notices and

prescription expenses. The increasing housing costs in the area have been a burden on many residents and it has been important to assist people in maintaining their current housing or seeking alternative affordable housing. On some occasions, referrals to local shelter facilities are necessary until more permanent housing situations can be found for residents. Services are provided on an appointment basis.

Over \$26,000.00 has been reimbursed to the City this year for funds expended to residents for their basic needs. These funds have been reimbursed through various sources, such as Social Security, Medicaid, Welfare Liens and by the residents themselves. Somersworth residents are extremely grateful for the services made available to them during their time of need. Those that are able, repay the City in the form of money when they are once again working and in fact, 21 residents did so this year reimbursing the City a total of \$8,375.57. Others repay the City by working for the City for a short time in the City's Workfare Program until they can find paid employment. The Human Services Department would like to thank the residents who repay the City for the assistance they receive. Their doing so helps us provide the same assistance to others in need, without continuing to increase the tax burden.

Gwen L. Erley, who was the Welfare Officer for the City from 1999 left her position on October 14, 2005. Fortunately, Maureen Call, Assistant Recreation Director was able to step in and assume Gwen's duties in the Human Services Department. Carolyn A. Cocklin, who previously served as the Welfare Officer in Hampton, NH for many years was also able to come on board in November taking on the interim role of Welfare Officer.

Special appreciation goes out to the following community organizations; the VFW Men's Auxiliary Club who provided Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets to distribute to deserving families, and to the Somersworth/Berwick Rotary Club who generously donated diapers each month for distribution to our families in need. The Somersworth Public Works Department also donated gift certificates to Demoulas / Market Basket for

personal and household necessities during the holidays. "Toys for Tots" was another success this year thanks to the efforts of the Fire Department and their wonderful employees.

And finally, "Thank You" to the many service agencies and organizations in Strafford County serving our residents. The Community Food Pantry at the First Parish Church on West High Street serves residents of Somersworth, Rollinsford and Berwick, ME with both food and household necessities. Shelters such as the Strafford County Emergency Shelter and "My Friends Place" have all been critical in providing housing for our residents during periods of homelessness. The Strafford County Community Action Committee continues to be the agency where low-income residents can apply for Fuel and Electric Assistance as well as for assistance with their Rental Security Deposits.

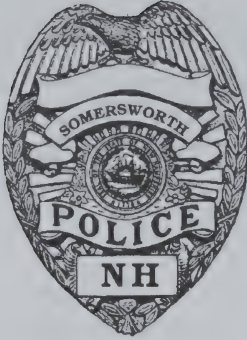
As always, we encourage residents to help their community by donating cash, food or household and personal items and/or volunteering their time to the Community Food Pantry or the local shelters who are always in need of volunteers and donations.

Interim Welfare Officers

Carolyn A. Cocklin

Maureen Call

POLICE DEPARTMENT



During 2005 a temporary change in assignment allowed Captain David Kretschmar an opportunity to take on the duties and responsibilities of Interim Chief of Police (ending July, 2005). This was due to Chief Crombie having temporarily assumed the duties of City Manager.

Sergeant Pratt, a 25-year member of the Police Department, continues to work in his assignment as our City's Housing Officer. Sgt Pratt provides police services to a variety of dwellings monitored by the Somersworth Housing Authority. The Safe Haven, a police sub-station, is located at the Albert J Nadeau Homes. Sgt Pratt's daily assignments include investigation of criminal matters at those sites. He also provides supervision and direct involvement with the homework lab, bicycle rodeo, field trips and other activities of the Safe Haven. Sgt Pratt's assignment allows him to interact with a diverse age group of residents at the Housing Authority facilities.

The Department was able to provide a variety of special and specific law enforcement efforts. This included an assortment of enforcement initiatives. The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency allowed us to increase motor vehicle enforcement by providing grant funds. This enforcement included overtime patrols for DWI, speeding and other motor vehicle related violations.

We continue our association with the Dover Police Department in our joint enforcement of alcohol related violations. This includes underage alcohol consumption, sales and other alcohol related violations. The program is designed to provide enforcement of the alcohol laws, as well as educate the community. During 2005 a joint law enforcement effort was used, which allowed members of the Dover and Somersworth Police Departments to work with members of the New Hampshire State Liquor Inspectors in teams.

We assisted and participated in a federally funded Felony Locator program. This allowed Somersworth Police officers to team with local officers and federal agents pursuing wanted felons in the seacoast and extended area.

An Accident Investigation Team was formed in Strafford County during the past year, which provides the community with a specialized group of local officers trained in accident investigations.

Two Chevrolet Impalas were added to the cruiser fleet this year. In addition, all of our cruisers received the Car 54 System. This Car 54 System allows voice directed commands to activate cruiser functions and was

designed at the University of New Hampshire as a tool to aid law enforcement. The system includes a light bar, siren, laptop computer and a custom radar unit.

A Justice Assistance Grant was secured in 2005 allowing the purchase of new police duty weapons at no cost to the City. Officers will receive extensive firearms training during the spring of 2006 on the use of the new weapons.

Somersworth Crime tips are still received at 692-9111 or email at crimeline@somersworth.com. Anyone wishing to provide anonymous tips should contact SPD through either source. All leads are held in the strictest of confidence.

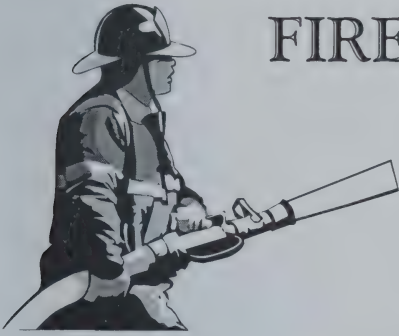
STATISTICS

We responded to 14,302 calls for service in 2005. These calls include a variety of situations. The following is a breakdown of those calls:

2005 City Totals Call Activity Statistics

Offenses Committed	2,437
Felonies	265
Crime Related Incidents	1,281
Non-Crime Related Incidents	1,633
Arrests (On View)	536
Arrests (Based on Incident/Warrants)	347
Summons Arrests	227
Arrests	1,110
Protective Custody	115
Juvenile Arrests	150
Juveniles Arrests (Handled w/in Dept)	121
Juveniles Arrests (Referred)	29
Total Summons	0
Total Open Warrants	47
Total Open Default Warrants	0
Restraining Orders	0
Stolen Property Value	\$239,724
Stolen Property Recovered Value	\$63,606
Crime Incidents Involving Domestic Violence	57
Arrests Involving Domestic Violence	89
Motor Vehicle Accidents	454
Motor Vehicle Violations Civil	9
Motor Vehicle Violations Warnings	2,239
Motor Vehicle Violation Arrests	751
Parking Tickets	1,097

	Occurence(s)	Percentage
Restraint Orders Involving Alcohol	0	
Restraint Orders Involving Drugs	0	
Restraint Orders Involving Illness	0	
Restraint Orders Involving Children	0	
Crime Incidents Involving Gang Activity	0	
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol	42	3.3
Crime Incidents Involving Drugs	15	1.2
Crime Incidents Involving Computers	0	
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol & Drugs	4	0.3
Arrests Involving Gang Activity	0	
Arrests Involving Alcohol	195	17.6
Arrests Involving Drugs	10	0.9
Arrests Involving Computers	0	
Arrests Involving Alcohol & Drugs	3	0.3
Arrests Involving Gang Activity	0	

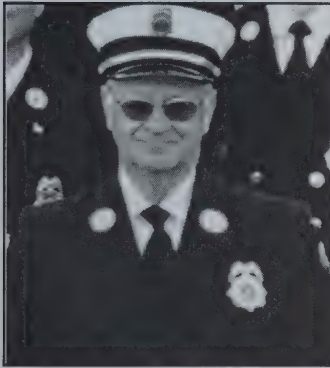


FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the citizens of Somersworth,

2005 has again been a very busy year for the Fire Department. We have had a number of personnel changes, we purchased a new forestry truck, and six member's completed a 40 hour Fire Inspector Class. We also received a Homeland Security (FEMA) Fire Act Grant for \$618,000 towards the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck. All of this and more was accomplished along with an increase of 8% in our call volume over the prior year.

PERSONNEL



Chief Paul N. Vallee

This year, the department lost over 71 years of experience with the retirement of Chief Paul Vallee, who has served as Somersworth's Fire Chief for the past 21 years and Captain Martin Pepin with over 31 years of dedicated service. This loss has created a large void within the department it will take many years to regain the many years of dedicated service and commitment which Chief Vallee and Captain Pepin have given to his community. Not only did the department lose two firefighters, we also lost a long time Call Dispatcher, Joanne Pepin. Joanne

served as an on-call dispatcher for over 21 years. Her dedication has provided an important communication link to the firefighters for many emergencies including the Bleachery fire for which she logged more than 48 hours of service. I know I speak for all the members of this department when I say Good Luck and Thanks to these two fine men and Joanne for their many years of unselfish dedication and commitment to this department.



Capt. Marty Pepin



Dispatcher, Joanne Pepin

The department also welcomed two new full-time employees to the department in Jessica (Plante) Murphy and Cory Tibbetts. Both Jess and Cory come to Somersworth with years of experience as members of the Berwick Fire Department and both have a family history in the fire service. Jess is a third generation firefighter and Cory a second generation firefighter.

The department also added three call Firefighters in David Fallon, Jamie Fournier and Michelle Garland. David and Jamie are currently completing their Firefighter 1 & 2 training and Michelle has attained Associates Degrees in Fire Science and Fire Protection through the New Hampshire Community Technical College of Laconia.

Currently the department has thirteen full-time positions which include the Chief, 4 lieutenants, 8 firefighters, fourteen call firefighters and one Chaplain.

TRAINING

To continue to improve upon our quality of service to the community Captain Martin Pepin, Lieutenants' Marc Vaillancourt, John Viola, Ken Vincent and Firefighters' Michael Clough and Bill Staples participated in a 40 hour Fire Inspector I Class through New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training, which was held at city hall. This intensive training has better prepared these members to interpret fire and life safety codes that will aid in improving what has already been recognized as an extremely effective fire inspection and prevention program in the city.

VEHICLES

In March of 2005 the department received a new Ford F-350 pick-up truck with a skid unit that carries 200 gallon's of water and two 200' booster reels. This new vehicle replaces a 1967 army surplus off road truck which was on loan to the department from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) that oversees the protection of NH's forests.

GRANTS

This year the city received a Homeland Security (FEMA) Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$617,500. This grant was written by Firefighters Parks Christenbury and David Witham and submitted by Chief Vallee to replace our 1984 LTI/Mack Ladder Truck. The city is required to contribute 5% of the overall grant award so the overall cost to the community will be \$30,875 for a truck that will cost in excess of \$618,000. If it were not for the outstanding effort that was placed into the grant narrative by firefighters Christenbury and Witham, we, the citizens of Somersworth would not have received this hard to receive grant as it is very unusual that vehicles are awarded to

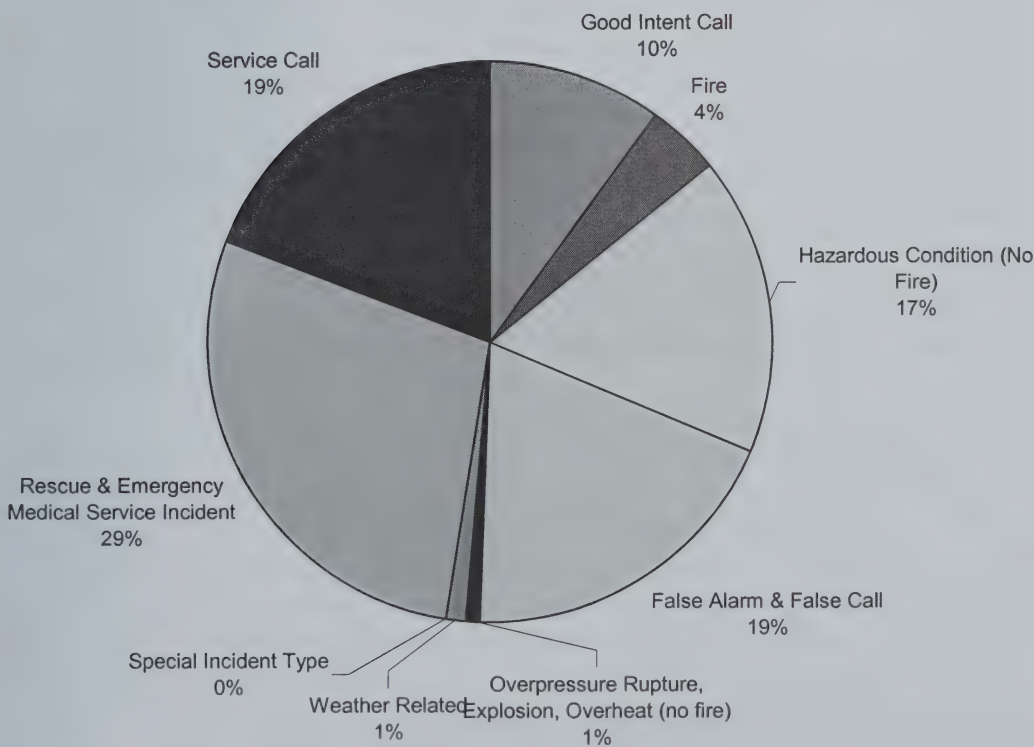
communities with existing fire apparatus. This new aerial will be delivered to Somersworth in the latter part of the summer in 2006.

In closing, I would like to say that it is my pleasure and honor to serve this fine community again. As I return to this department from Windham, NH to lead this department it is my goal to ensure that the citizens of Somersworth and those who work and travel through it receive the best emergency service which can be provided. It is also my commitment to continue to provide those non-emergency services like inspections and prevention programs to make and keep this community safe from man made and natural disasters.

Sincerely
Donald R. Messier,
Chief of Department

In 2005 we responded to 955 incidents which break down as follows:

Alarm Date Between (01/01/2005) and (12/31/2005)



DAYS OF WEEK	INCIDENTS	STRUCTURAL
Sunday	114	1
Monday	153	4
Tuesday	145	0
Wednesday	138	1
Thursday	117	2
Friday	142	1
Saturday	146	1
TOTAL	955	10

MUTUAL AID	GIVEN	RECEIVED	AIR VAN
Barrington	0	1	0
Berwick	6	7	0
Dover	6	4	4
Durham	0	1	0
Eliot	1	1	1
Lebanon	2	0	1
Newington	0	0	0
Pease	0	0	0
Portsmouth	0	1	0
North Berwick	5	1	4
Rochester	14	4	7
Rollinsford	1	4	0
South Berwick	2	3	1
TOTAL	37	27	18

APPARATUS USAGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Engine 1	797
Engine 2	80
Engine 3	14
Ladder 1	24
Forestry 1	43
TOTAL	948

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS	2004	2005
Complete Annual Inspections	605	790
Violations Issued	110	116
Hours	207	281

PUBLIC WORKS and UTILITIES

The Public Works and Utilities Dept is diversified and includes the following divisions: Public Works, Engineering, Water, Wastewater, Cemeteries, Solid Waste and Grounds. Public Works is ever changing to meet the needs and demands of the City within budgetary constraints. It is important that the assets of the City be maintained. "The significant problems we face today cannot be solved with the same level of thinking we were at when we created them" Albert Einstein. For the past six years the Public Works Department has been working on an asset management plan. This year we have installed a new program VUEWorks, which will allow us to track assets and work orders through a graphical system. This includes a detailed mapping system of all our infrastructure's, which includes storm drains, water distribution, sewer collections, streets, sidewalks, parks and recreation equipment, street signs, water treatment facility and wastewater treatment facility. The mapping includes many other features, which are utilized by all departments throughout the City. As we move forward this information will be readily available to the residents of Somersworth.

As we map our infrastructure, we can look at its current condition and the best way to maintain and extend the life of each infrastructure. It also allows us to look at critical infrastructures throughout the City to help us focus on the financial budget and maximize our dollar in maintaining it and in expanding our infrastructure. This information allows us to prioritize many projects throughout the City with overall goals in mind. For example, when a street has been completed, we can look at the infrastructures and their conditions. This would include water, sewer, drainage, private driveways, private utilities, traffic flow, and sidewalks in the evaluation of the upgrade of the road. Therefore, when we budget for a road to be reconstructed or resurfaced we try to maximize the opportunity to upgrade all assets located in that road upgrade. This past year the budget for road resurfacing was non-existent, which created a difficult time in prioritizing.

The City Wastewater Treatment Plant has just completed a 12 million dollar upgrade. The process is a Modified Capetown, which allows the process to reduce phosphorous going to the river. We also have an advance filter system, which provides us with a higher quality effluent.

The City Water Treatment Facility is being designed to meet the current EPA drinking water standards as well as the standards for 2010. The new process will reduce the organics that come in from the river and provide a higher quality drinking water.

The Public Works Dept is constantly working on deficiencies and evaluating more effective solutions in prioritizing and carrying out projects. Our goal is to be courteous and respectful to all, provide the service necessary under our financial limit and manpower limit and invest in a community that we are all proud to live in.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
Public Housing	<p>169 units of family and elderly housing for low and very low income.</p> <p>Albert J. Nadeau Homes -Bartlett Avenue: 56 Units - Family</p> <p>Edward S. Charpentier Apartments - Franklin Street: 49 Units - Elderly</p> <p>R.H. Filion Terrace - Washington Street: 64 Units - Elderly</p>	<p>Approx. \$262,200 per year in rental subsidy above tenant rents received.</p> <p>Maintenance and operations budget of over \$893,086 per year.</p> <p>\$4,000,000 total agency budget & \$20,000,000 in total assets.</p>	<p>Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) approximately \$23,557 per year.</p> <p>In the overall budget each year, there is approx. \$1,000,000 spent into the local economy with 74 staff positions, maintenance supplies, contractors and vendor payments, etc.</p>	<p>PILOT is determined by a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the SHA. Amount is Total Tenant Rents - Utility Costs x 10% (Actual water, sewer, trash collection and sand and salt bills are paid in full).</p> <p>Welfare Savings: City Welfare and the SHA cooperate on almost a daily basis to most effectively serve the needy. It has been calculated that every family that the SHA houses in its programs could save City Welfare \$15,000 per year in benefits paid.</p>
P.H. Modernization (CIAP)	Capital improvement grants to R/R family and elderly units.	<p>1996: \$175,000 1997: \$195,000 1998: \$412,000 1999: \$275,312 2000: \$264,162 2001: \$269,308 2002: \$255,796 2003: \$210,659 2004: \$243,741 2005: \$232,512</p>	Most funds are spent locally as a result of competitive bidding. Some contracts go to non-local contractors, but 80% stay in the region.	These funds are granted on a formula basis. These funds end up fueling the local economy by being contracted to local construction firms, architects, plumbers, roofers, electricians, etc.
COPS Program	Cooperative effort with the City of Somersworth to provide a police officer in the housing developments.			
Community Gardening Program	In cooperation with UNH Extension Services. We provide 16 4x8 foot community gardening plots to be cultivated by Albert J. Nadeau Homes residents.			
Safe Haven/Police Mini-station	Funded by the Milton Eisenhower Foundation the Safe Haven Program is aimed at assisting development children with school work and keeping them out of the criminal justice system.	\$150,000 per year	After school program held on Monday through Friday at the Albert J. Nadeau Homes. 43 children are enrolled between the ages of 6 - 18.	
Preservation Park & Smokey Hollow Common	42 Units of elderly and family low income housing.	<p>Approx. \$459,535 per year in direct subsidy.</p> <p>Total budget of project contributes an additional \$374,833 per year in maintenance, upkeep, vendors, contractors, and etc.</p>	Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$28,862 per year.	

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments	37 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Tax Credit Program.	Approx. \$342,869 per year in direct subsidy. Total estimated projected costs for year \$300,000	Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$28,862 per year.	This brand new complex opened in June of 2004 under the ownership of Jeff, Pat and David Francoeur. This complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
Queensbury Mill	24 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.	Approximately \$294,805 per year in direct subsidy. Total projected costs for year \$282,013	Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$13,663 per year.	This renovated complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program	Over 175 total elderly and family Vouchers to assist renting in private apartments.	Approximately \$1,352,468 per year in direct subsidies paid to private landlords in the region.	All landlords are responsible for their own local tax payments. The vast majority are fully taxable properties, with a few landlords (non-profits) which may make their own arrangements with the City. It is impossible to assess the total taxable property made viable by this program, but the subsidies allow owners to keep properties up to standards and operating better than without the Certificates and Vouchers.	This program allows the most flexibility to families, elderly and landlords. Lease arrangements are between the private landlord and the participant, with the SHA role being the administration of the subsidy and monitoring the quality of the apartments.
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	Since 1975 Competitively awarded grants have been received almost every year for Public Facilities and Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation. Completion of \$287,000 for emergency assistance to the Oak Hill Mobile Home Park for water and sewer renovation, and \$315,000 for the Hills Area. Awarded \$500,000 for the Workforce Housing Project on Indigo Hill Road rehabilitating 38 units for affordable housing to our workforce community.	Approx. \$22,100,000 in direct grants have been received.	These monies go towards projects which improve the living conditions of low/moderated income residents of Somersworth. The funding has also provided for handicapped access to public facilities. This program has allowed many residences and buildings in Somersworth to be renovated to decent standards that wouldn't have been possible without the funding.	These projects are administered by the SHA following approval by the City Council. Increase in taxes for each unit rehabilitated. \$9,500 per unit is awarded to qualified property owners. These funds are loaned at ½ of prime lending rate. The funds that are paid back are used for further property rehabilitation and downtown revitalization.

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
Congregate Elderly	Federal program providing services for 20 elderly residents to prevent premature institutionalization.	Approx. \$129,696 per year awarded to provide services, meals, and service coordination to 20 seniors residing in public housing.	No direct payment, but Every resident we serve in its program would cost the country taxpayers over \$40,000 per year were they to go to the local nursing home. We have approx. 20 participants in this Congregate Program, and have placed several elderly on this program directly from a nursing home. Program participants provide him/her with the services needed to remain independent.	This program is cost effective and humane. We are able, even with the cost of housing subsidies, to keep an elderly person from being unnecessarily institutionalized for program costs (including housing subsidy, services, coordination and administration of about \$8,000 per year. The Charpentier Apartments of the Public Housing Program, is one site for the Congregate Program. Other locations include Queensbury Mill Apts located on Market Street and the Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments located on Maple Street Ext.
Flanagan Center	Gym and Meeting Spaces provided for the Strafford County Head Start Program, the Early Education Program, City Recreation, Somersworth and other area schools, the Somersworth International Children's Festival and other civic organizations.	Since 1972, the SHA has provided free use to the City for this facility. The SHA pays all staff costs and all utility costs for this facility. These costs result in lower PILOT payments to the City but have resulted in substantial savings in recreational, social, and civic user costs.	All costs are borne by the SHA out of operating subsidies. Private groups pay \$25.00 per hour to rent the facility.	It would cost the City in excess of \$1,000,000 to construct its own recreational facility plus vast operational funds.
Somersworth Early Learning Center	Approx. 125-130 children (Center is fully accredited)	Approx. \$821,178 from USDA, Title XX, the United Way, fundraising, and private clients.	Provides a clean, comfortable center for children of families who must work. Because of funding sources, the Center is able to provide a sliding fee scale for parents who must work but cannot afford daycare prices (approx. 51% of the daycare enrollees required these special payment arrangements).	This is one of the few Centers in the area that provide care for newborn infants (around 6 weeks of age). Provides 2 meals and 1 snack per day that are nutritionally sound (USDA guidelines).
Strafford County Nutrition	Meals on Wheels (Home Delivered recipients): Approx. 230 persons per day. Congregate Meals (3 sites): Approx. 180 persons per day.	Approx. \$761,636 per year from USDA, Title XX, Title IIC, and anonymous donations.	Provides for the nutritious meals and the staffing that is required to service elderly disabled persons in Strafford County who are homebound or are for some reason unable to make themselves a nutritious meal.	2,300 meals per week are served in Somersworth, Dover, Rochester, Farmington, Milton, Rollinsford, Durham, Strafford, Madbury, Lee, Barrington, Middleton and New Durham.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: 2005

Possible expansion of the Somersworth Early Learning Center to provide additional space for kitchen storage and expansion of the multi-purpose room.

Completion of the Washington Street renovations of the existing housing units.

Completion of the Eagles renovation under the Downtown Initiative Program, providing 5 units of housing and 2 commercial units.

Elizabeth A. Salinger, Executive Director

David L. Roberge, Chairman

Joan A. Lynch, Vice Chairman

Paul Robidas, Commissioner

Richard Heon, Commissioner

Kate Mooney, Commissioner

SAU 56 SUPERINTENDENT

This past year has seen a number of changes at the SAU 56 Office and the Somersworth School District. As a result of the retirement of Dr. Ott, Superintendent of Schools and Betty Gilman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Janet Gagne Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools as well as the resignation of Kevin Murphy and Duane Ford there is an entire new team at the SAU 56 Office.

The Somersworth School District welcomes Karen Soule as Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Diane Law as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Robert Berry Business Administrator and Robert Marquis Special Education Director. Sandra Brooker also joins the team as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Gwen Klevitch joins the team as our receptionist. Melinda Sullivan is now our human resources specialist and Katie Krauss is our accounting assistant. Judy Berry continues in her role as the Special Education secretary.

The team has been very busy getting to know the school community and the communities of Somersworth and Rollinsford. The focus of our attention continues to be the success of all students within our school community and providing staff with the tools to improve student outcomes. Our Human Resources Council continues to provide leadership for staff in the support of their professional development efforts that clearly link with improved student outcomes.

As a result of No Child Left Behind the states of New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont formed the New England Assessment Compact and developed a common assessment tool as well as grade level and grade span expectations that the assessments are based on. It allowed the states to pool their resources. This fall all of our students in grades 3-8 were assessed in reading and mathematics and grades 5 and 8 were also assessed in writing with the new NECAP (New England Compact Assessment.) We are still awaiting the results of these assessments which are due to be released to the public on March 21st. The results of these assessments will determine if our schools and district makes adequate yearly progress.

The New Hampshire public school standards which were approved in July of 2005 are creating new opportunities and challenges as we implement the changes. Even though Somersworth High School requires 26 credits for graduation there are new additional requirements including 3 years of mathematics and changes in social studies which are being reviewed by the high school administration and high school guidance. In addition the increased expectations in technology and the opportunities for additional real world learning experiences create new opportunities, but also bring challenges.

Our high school students continue to participate in the New Hampshire Education Improvement Plan. In reviewing the initial results of the New Hampshire Educational Assessment taken by the tenth grade students at Somersworth High School in May of 2005 there has been steady growth shown in both mathematics and English/Language Arts. This year 85% of our students scored basic or above in English/Language Arts which shows continuous growth since 2003 when only 66% of our students scored Basic or above in English/Language Arts. In addition this year 40% of our students scored proficient or above in English/Language Arts which also shows student growth.

In the area of mathematics 78% of our students scored basic or above in mathematics showing significant growth from 03 when only 49% of our students scored basic or above in mathematics. This year 34% of our students scored proficient or above in mathematics.

These results reflect not only an on-going review and implementation of curriculum and instruction, but also additional research-based support in reading for our students who find learning more challenging. In the area of mathematics we are continuing to revise our curriculum to meet the needs of all students. Please remember that the NHEIAP's are only a snapshot of what a student knows and is able to do. Here in Somersworth we use multiple tools to measure a student's growth over time. It is also important to remember each year the NHEIAP and soon the NECAP assess different cohorts of students so we need to take that into consideration focusing on not only individual student results, but also how our curriculum and instruction meets the needs of our students. The entire community continues to work diligently towards the success of all students.

We continue to focus on our overarching purpose that "all students are engaged in quality work and achieving high standards" building on what had already been accomplished by the previous administrative team.

To achieve our overarching purpose we are working to continuously improve curriculum, instruction and assessment in a variety of ways. The Curriculum Council which has members from the staff the school board and the community is the driving force behind curriculum development in the Somersworth School District. We have begun the process of aligning our curricula with the grade level and grade span expectations in reading/language arts and mathematics. We are just beginning to review our current science curriculum as we begin that alignment process.

We continue to use a variety of tools to assess our student growth over time as we follow each child. The MAP assessments which give us immediate results are being used to structure our instruction as teachers become more familiar with how to use the data to drive their teaching.

In addition we are working to build community support by getting more information out in the community. We have just begun a community newsletter to be distributed each quarter as well as an SAU Newsletter that is distributed monthly. Our PTA's and PTSA's are active at each school. This fall a joint meeting of the PTA's was held to introduce the new SAU 56 administrative team. There were families from each of the schools who were truly interested in their children and the direction of the new team. In December the high school PTSA hosted a presentation by Sharon Lampros the high school math department head on their new proposed math program. The PTA's provide much needed support and resources to each of our schools.

For the first time the school department has submitted to the City Manager and the Planning Board a long range capital improvement plan. In addition we are taking a further look at our facilities and maintenance to assure that we are maintaining, safe secure facilities because we need to protect the investment that the citizens of Somersworth have made.

Our goal is to follow each of our students as they grow and learn so that no matter what path they choose as they aspire to become future citizen that they will be successful. This takes the support, the encouragement and the dedication of the entire community from the teachers, the support staff, the families and the community at large. Please remember that the future is in your hands. On behalf of the Somersworth school community thank you for all that you do on behalf of our students.

Karen Soule
Superintendent of Schools

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

Many of the City's walkers are still enjoying the beauty and quiet of the Forest Glade Cemetery. The trees were especially colorful in October.

Those who have recently lost a loved one, come to visit often. This helps their grief process. We have many visitors coming to look for their ancestors. They want to see the place their grandparents, great grandparents, etc. are buried and take pictures to bring home and keep for future generations.

In 2005, we had 9 burials and installed foundations for markers and monuments. Pre-need lots were sold. A lot of people are planning where they want to be buried and purchasing lots for future needs. The cremation burial site is nearly completed and we hope to start selling lots in that area the summer of 2006. There are three black granite benches for people to sit and enjoy the peacefulness around them.

SOLID and BULKY WASTE

How much Solid Waste does Somersworth generate? For fiscal year 2005, Somersworth generated a total of 3,155.01 tons of rubbish and bulky waste (2,195.5 tons of curbside rubbish, 921.67 tons of curbside recyclables and 37.84 tons of metal and appliances). These figures do not include the leaf and yard waste that is put in the City's compost pile and all the brush that is chipped curbside.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Fiscal 2005 brought saw some new volunteers. Twenty-four spots were adopted. Because of our adopt-a-spot volunteers and our businesses taking more pride in their landscaping, Somersworth is looking better and better every year. *Westwind Gardens* and *The Landscape Clinic* were very helpful to the AdoptA-Spot program by accepting our vouchers for flowers and in giving advice on planting. The City wishes to thank everyone who has helped make the Adopt-A-Spot Program a success.

Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 7,378,529	\$ 541,279	\$ 7,919,808
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	320,135	-	320,135
User fees	-	101,729	101,729
Special assessments	69,143	-	69,143
Intergovernmental	153,302	170,149	323,451
Inventory	-	81,533	81,533
Other assets	6,083	-	6,083
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	108,386	-	108,386
Special assessments	88,094	-	88,094
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,090,559	9,599,288	10,689,847
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>13,630,944</u>	<u>9,090,970</u>	<u>22,721,914</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	22,845,175	19,584,948	42,430,123
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Accounts payable	114,332	170,149	284,481
Accrued liabilities	200,780	45,742	246,522
Prepaid taxes	5,960,251	-	5,960,251
Internal balances	612,509	(514,960)	97,549
Other current liabilities	-	94	94
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	1,065,000	188,333	1,253,333
Lease payable	5,777	-	5,777
Other liabilities	138,848	3,580	142,428
Noncurrent:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	8,235,000	1,141,668	9,376,668
Lease payable, net of current portion	26,587	-	26,587
State revolving loan program	-	9,374,603	9,374,603
Other liabilities, net of current portion	<u>3,053,550</u>	<u>32,216</u>	<u>3,085,766</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,412,634	10,441,425	29,854,059
NET ASSETS			
invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,796,332	7,985,654	13,781,986
Restricted for:			
State and federal grants	126,052	-	126,052
Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	253,682	-	253,682
Expendable	28,185	-	28,185
Unrestricted	<u>(2,771,710)</u>	<u>1,157,869</u>	<u>(1,613,841)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,432,541	\$ 9,143,523	\$ 12,576,064

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:							
General government	\$ 1,413,156	\$ 167,457	\$ 785	\$ -	\$ (1,244,914)	\$ -	\$ (1,244,914)
Public safety	3,211,114	106,146	-	-	(3,104,968)	-	(3,104,968)
Highways and streets	2,578,814	268,213	441,277	233,378	(1,635,946)	-	(1,635,946)
Health and welfare	460,997	770	-	-	(460,227)	-	(460,227)
Culture and recreation	413,999	121,314	47	-	(292,638)	-	(292,638)
School department	17,505,712	259,490	8,056,655	194,752	(8,994,815)	-	(8,994,815)
Interest	287,790	-	-	-	(287,790)	-	(287,790)
County assessments	1,429,998	-	-	-	(1,429,998)	-	(1,429,998)
Total Governmental Activities	27,301,580	923,390	8,498,764	428,130	(17,451,296)	-	(17,451,296)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water services	1,359,645	1,112,497	-	-	-	(247,148)	(247,148)
Sewer services	1,226,169	1,211,274	-	-	-	(14,895)	(14,895)
Solid waste services	351,797	330,983	-	-	-	(20,814)	(20,814)
Total Business-Type Activities	2,937,611	2,654,754	-	-	-	(282,857)	(282,857)
Total	\$ 30,239,191	\$ 3,578,144	\$ 8,498,764	\$ 428,130	(17,451,296)	(282,857)	(17,734,153)
			General Revenues:				
			Taxes		15,370,217	-	15,370,217
			Other revenues not restricted to specific programs:				
			Motor vehicle registration fees		1,461,878	-	1,461,878
			Intergovernmental		579,690	-	579,690
			Interest		58,574	3,156	61,730
			Miscellaneous		451,879	-	451,879
			Permanent fund contributions		33,859	-	33,859
			Transfers, net		100,000	(100,000)	-
			Total general revenues, contributions, and transfers		18,056,097	(96,844)	17,959,253
			Change in Net Assets		604,801	(379,701)	225,100
			Net Assets:				
			Beginning of year		2,827,740	9,523,224	12,350,964
			End of year		3,432,541	\$ 9,143,523	\$ 12,576,064

**Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 6,933,550	\$ 444,979	\$ 7,378,529
Receivables:			
Property taxes	445,047	-	445,047
User fees	67,807	-	67,807
Departmental and other	-	8,117	8,117
Intergovernmental	-	153,302	153,302
Due from other funds	943,670	88,975	1,032,645
Other assets	<u>6,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,083</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>8,396,157</u>	\$ <u>695,373</u>	\$ <u>9,091,530</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 90,727	\$ 23,605	\$ 114,332
Deferred revenues	378,231	-	378,231
Due to other funds	894,730	750,424	1,645,154
Prepaid taxes	<u>5,960,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,960,251</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,323,939	774,029	8,097,968
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Perpetual permanent funds	-	253,682	253,682
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	1,072,218	-	1,072,218
Special revenue funds	-	126,051	126,051
Capital project funds	-	(153,927)	(153,927)
Debt service funds	-	(316,399)	(316,399)
Permanent Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>11,937</u>	<u>11,937</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,072,218</u>	<u>(78,656)</u>	<u>993,562</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>8,396,157</u>	\$ <u>695,373</u>	\$ <u>9,091,530</u>

**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to New Assets of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005**

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 993,562
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	 14,721,503
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.	 442,723
<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	 (200,781)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, lease payable and landfill liability, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	 (12,524,466)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ <u>3,432,541</u>

Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>General</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 15,269,421	\$ -	\$ 15,269,421
Licenses and permits	1,567,461	-	1,567,461
Intergovernmental	8,553,446	1,156,116	9,709,562
Charges for services	394,775	457,930	852,705
Interest income	67,446	18,274	85,720
Other revenues:			
Contributions	-	259,263	259,263
Other	58,893	13,909	72,802
Total Revenues	<u>25,911,442</u>	<u>1,905,492</u>	<u>27,816,934</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,320,219	115	1,320,334
Public safety	3,155,301	-	3,155,301
Highways and streets	1,799,999	384,851	2,184,850
Health and welfare	460,370	-	460,370
Culture and recreation	426,132	137,628	563,760
School department	15,442,126	1,460,716	16,902,842
Other	-	223	223
Debt service:			
Principal	855,000	290,000	1,145,000
Interest	460,309	95,001	555,310
Intergovernmental:			
Assessments	1,429,998	-	1,429,998
Total Expenditures	<u>25,349,454</u>	<u>2,368,534</u>	<u>27,717,988</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	561,988	(463,042)	98,946
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers in	23,268	250,000	273,268
Transfers out	(150,000)	(23,268)	(173,268)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(126,732)</u>	<u>226,732</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	435,256	(236,310)	198,946
Fund Balances, at Beginning of Year	<u>636,962</u>	<u>157,654</u>	<u>794,616</u>
Fund Balances, at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,072,218</u>	<u>\$ (78,656)</u>	<u>\$ 993,562</u>

**Reconciliation of the Statement of
Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 198,946

- Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay purchases 387,831

Depreciation (963,979)

- Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., property taxes) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue. (11,627)

- The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. However, this transaction does not have any effect on net assets:

Repayments of debt 1,152,618

Issue of lease payable (39,983)

- In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due. 267,519

- Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. (386,524)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 604,801

General Fund
Statement of Revenues and Other Sources,
and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>		
Revenues and other sources:				
Taxes	\$ 15,299,618	\$ 15,299,618	\$ 15,374,129	\$ 74,511
Licenses and permits	1,381,596	1,381,596	1,567,461	185,865
Intergovernmental	7,869,638	7,869,638	8,160,120	290,482
Charges for services	360,634	360,634	394,775	34,141
Interest income	55,000	55,000	67,446	12,446
Other revenues	81,000	81,000	58,893	(22,107)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	-	-	23,268	23,268
Total Revenues and Other Sources	25,047,486	25,047,486	25,646,092	598,606
Expenditures and other uses:				
Current:				
General government	1,341,161	1,347,551	1,320,219	27,332
Public safety	3,121,497	3,090,897	3,021,158	69,739
Highways and streets	1,669,567	1,792,977	1,799,999	(7,022)
Health and welfare	456,064	456,064	460,370	(4,306)
Culture and recreation	411,160	415,660	416,821	(1,161)
School department	15,076,858	15,076,858	15,151,943	(75,085)
Debt service	1,328,524	1,328,524	1,315,309	13,215
Intergovernmental:				
Assessments	1,492,655	1,388,955	1,429,998	(41,043)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	25,047,486	25,047,486	25,065,817	(18,331)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 580,275	\$ 580,275

Proprietary Funds
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current:				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 182,100	\$ 359,179	\$ -	\$ 541,279
User fees, net of allowance for uncollectibles	38,581	49,540	13,608	101,729
Intergovernmental receivables	-	170,149	-	170,149
Due from other funds	-	669,317	21,590	690,907
Inventory	70,707	-	10,826	81,533
Total current assets	291,388	1,248,185	46,024	1,585,597
Noncurrent:				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,509,383	16,180,875	-	18,690,258
Total noncurrent assets	2,509,383	16,180,875	-	18,690,258
TOTAL ASSETS	2,800,771	17,429,060	46,024	20,275,855
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Current:				
Accounts payable	-	170,149	-	170,149
Due to other funds	127,766	48,181	-	175,947
Accrued and other liabilities	48,154	1,262	-	49,416
Current portion of long-term liabilities:				
Bonds payable	173,333	15,000	-	188,333
Total current liabilities	349,253	234,592	-	583,845
Noncurrent:				
Bonds payable, net of current portion	1,126,668	15,000	-	1,141,668
State revolving loan program	72,470	9,302,133	-	9,374,603
Other	32,216	-	-	32,216
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,231,354	9,317,133	-	10,548,487
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,580,607	9,551,725	-	11,132,332
<u>NET ASSETS</u>				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,136,912	6,848,742	-	7,985,654
Unrestricted	83,252	1,028,593	46,024	1,157,869
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,220,164	\$ 7,877,335	\$ 46,024	\$ 9,143,523

Proprietary Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	
Operating Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 1,074,563	\$ 1,204,426	\$ 330,983	\$ 2,609,972
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,848</u>
Total Operating Revenues	1,074,563	1,211,274	330,983	2,616,820
Operating Expenses:				
Operating expenses	1,076,710	929,826	351,797	2,358,333
Depreciation	231,464	271,515	-	502,979
Other	<u>3,694</u>	<u>23,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,319</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,311,868</u>	<u>1,224,966</u>	<u>351,797</u>	<u>2,888,631</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(237,305)	(13,692)	(20,814)	(271,811)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):				
Intergovernmental revenue	37,934	-	-	37,934
Interest income	3,156	-	-	3,156
Interest expense	<u>(47,777)</u>	<u>(1,203)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,980)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	<u>(6,687)</u>	<u>(1,203)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,890)</u>
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(243,992)	(14,895)	(20,814)	(279,701)
Transfers:				
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
Change in Net Assets	(243,992)	(114,895)	(20,814)	(379,701)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>1,464,156</u>	<u>7,992,230</u>	<u>66,838</u>	<u>9,523,224</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,220,164</u>	<u>\$ 7,877,335</u>	<u>\$ 46,024</u>	<u>\$ 9,143,523</u>

Proprietary Funds
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</u>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,099,274	\$ 802,946	\$ 351,549	\$ 2,253,769
Payments to vendors and employees	<u>(1,020,309)</u>	<u>(784,679)</u>	<u>(351,549)</u>	<u>(2,156,537)</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	78,965	18,267	-	97,232
<u>Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>				
Loans to other funds	122,486	-	-	122,486
Transfers to other funds	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Intergovernmental subsidy	<u>110,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,404</u>
Net Cash (Used For) Noncapital Financing Activities	232,890	(100,000)	-	132,890
<u>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</u>				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(113,750)	(5,090,928)	-	(5,204,678)
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(173,333)	(15,000)	-	(188,333)
Interest expense	(47,777)	(1,203)	-	(48,980)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	317	1,772	-	2,089
Proceeds from State revolving loan program	<u>-</u>	<u>5,484,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,484,680</u>
Net Cash (Used For) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(334,543)	379,321	-	44,778
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</u>				
Investment income	<u>3,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,156</u>
Net Cash (Used For) Investing Activities	<u>3,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,156</u>
Net Change in Cash and Short-Term Investments	(19,532)	297,588	-	278,056
Cash and Short Term Investments, Beginning of Year	<u>201,632</u>	<u>61,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>263,223</u>
Cash and Short Term Investments, End of Year	<u>\$ 182,100</u>	<u>\$ 359,179</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 541,279</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities:</u>				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (237,305)	\$ (13,692)	\$ (20,814)	\$ (271,811)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:				
Depreciation	231,464	271,515	-	502,979
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
User fees	24,711	212,808	1,285	238,804
Inventory	95,293	-	248	95,541
Other assets	-	(669,317)	19,281	(650,036)
Accounts payable	(82,472)	167,510	-	85,038
Accrued liabilities	47,180	1,262	-	48,442
Other liabilities	<u>94</u>	<u>48,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,275</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 78,965</u>	<u>\$ 18,267</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 97,232</u>

Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
June 30, 2005

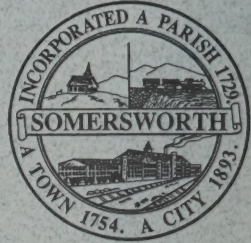
	Private Purpose Trust <u>Funds</u>	Agency <u>Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 131,695	\$ 558,505
Investments	51,087	-
Due from other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>97,549</u>
 Total Assets	 182,782	 656,054
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Other liabilities:		
Escrow deposits held	<u>-</u>	<u>656,054</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>-</u>	 <u>656,054</u>
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Total net assets held in trust	\$ <u>182,782</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
Additions:	
Contributions	\$ 500
Investment income (loss)	<u>3,288</u>
Total additions	3,788
Deductions:	
Miscellaneous:	
Bequests and expenses	<u>7,002</u>
Total deductions	<u>7,002</u>
 Net increase (decrease)	 (3,214)
Net assets:	
Beginning of year	<u>185,996</u>
 End of year	 <u>\$ 182,782</u>

City of Somersworth

Service Directory



Adopt-A-Spot Program	692-4266
Auto Registration	692-9555
Betterment Assessments	692-9555
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	692-9511 or 692-9512
Blocked Storm Drains	692-4266
Building Permits and Inspections	692-9522
Compost Facility	692-4266
Council Agenda Information	692-9511 or 692-9512
Dog Licenses	692-9511 or 692-9512
Elections/Voter Registration	692-9511 or 692-9512
Emergency Welfare Assistance	692-9509
Historical Reference Questions	692-4587
Library Information	692-4587
Marriage Licenses	692-9511 or 692-9512
Museum Pass Reservations	692-4587
Pay Per Bags / Bulky Waste Stickers	692-9511 or 692-9512
Police	692-3131
Road Repairs	692-4266
Property Maintenance Inspections	692-9521
Property Taxes	692-9555
Recycling Info	692-4266
Resident Taxes	692-9555
Service Agency Referrals	692-9509
Sewer Backups	692-4266
Snow Ban Info	692-9131
Street Light Problems	692-4266
Traffic Light Problems	692-4266
Trash Info	692-4266
Water Main Breaks	692-9523
Water / Sewer Bills	692-9523
Water / Sewer Payments	692-9555